

Awash!

Awash! combines the H₂O water curriculum with the skills training and sustained programming of Sevens. The philosophy of the Awash! program is that environmental literacy and preservation are best achieved by helping citizens to understand and “know” their natural world, which exists in their own schoolyards, parks, nature reserves and watersheds. Using water as a unifying theme, Awash! is designed to improve students’ process skills and increase students’ content knowledge in both the physical and biological sciences and to promote students’ awareness of and appreciation for water and the natural world in which they live.

Awash! teaches water appreciation and understanding by empowering students to recognize seven different water habitats: ocean, bay, woodland swamp, estuary, pond, river, and the “vertebrate body”, and to recognize and identify seven different plants, animals and other natural objects in each area. Many of the concepts are taught through peer training. Through exploring and identifying natural objects, the need for biodiversity becomes evident. Students also have the opportunity to meet professionals (i.e. lobstermen, fishermen and/or clam diggers) who can explain their direct reliance on clean water, and to work alongside naturalists and veterinary scientists. At a field trip to NEWC’s hospital, students will be exposed first-hand to medical processes and the medical use of water.

For further information or to schedule Awash! for your classroom, please please contact Casey at newchosp@aol.com or 781-749-5387.

Thank you.